| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mustard Oil | 391.8 | 394·8 | 351.8 | 361.3 |
| Coconut Oil | 466·1 | 474.5 | 394·8 | 415·3 |
| Gingelly Oil | 462.4 | 452·0 | 453·1 | 471·3 |
| Salt | 235·6 | 235.6 | 241.0 | 239·1 |
| Soap | 473·0 | 473·0 | 376·3 | 388·7 |
| Matches | 129·0 | 129 0 | 129·0 | 129·0 |
| Cotton Cloth (Mills) | 282·6 | 282·6 | 275·1 | 275·1 |
| ALL COMMODITIES | 417·7 | 422·6 | 378·2 | 384·5 |

**Old age pension for agricultural landless poor**

2084. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a centrally sponsored pension scheme for the aged agricultural landless poor throughout the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some States have introduced such pension schemes; and

(e) if so, when and the names of those States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) to (e) All the State Governments and Union Territories have their own old age pension/social security schemes. According to information available with us separate schemes for agricultural landless poor workers have been introduced in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Gujarat and West Bengal.

**Prawn hatchery in West Bengal**

2085. SHRI RAMANARYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any feasibility study had been initiated for establishing a new prawn hatchery in West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) A pre-feasibility report for establishment of a 50 million capacity Freshwater Prawn Seed Hatchery in West Bengal has been prepared by Marine Products Export Development Authority under the Ministry of Commerce at an estimated cost of Rs. 300,00 lakhs. The project has been posed for assistance from the Government of Denmark in February, 1988.

**Prime Minister's visit to the states affected by natural calamities**

2086. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of visits of the Prime Minister to drought/flood/cyc-

lone prone States during 1987 and January, 1988;

(b) the details thereof including the names of the States visited and the names of those in the Prime Minister's encourage; and

(c) the amount of relief sanctioned to those affected States, State-wise during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Offer of assistance for drought and flood from abroad**

2087. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any country have made offer of assistance to India to face the situation arising out of droughts and floods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Offer of assistance for drought relief have been received.

(b) Details of the assistance are given in the enclosed statement.

**Statement**

*Details of assistance received for drought and floods and names of the country*

| S. No. | Country | Amount of assistance |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Japan | Yen 29·5 Billion |
| 2 | U.S.A. | (i) Rs. 8·10 crores (Approx.)<br>(ii) 3 lakh tonnes of edible oil under the Export Enhancement Programme.<br>(iii) 4 lakh tonnes of Maize under Section 416 of the U.S. Agricultural Act of 1949.<br>(iv) U.S. have also provided advance of 850 million out of their committed and for the projects being funded under US aid bilateral assistance Programme. |
| 3 | U.S.S.R. | Supply of 6 drilling rigs and other accessories to explore and to tap underground water resources in the drought affected areas. |
| 4 | E.E.C. | ECU 20 million |
| 5 | West Germany | DM 10 million |
| 6 | France | FF 40 million |
| 7 | IBRD<br>IDA | US $ 150 million<br>US $ 200 million |
| 8 | Itally | US $ 5 million |
| 9 | Sweden | S. Kr. 50 million |
| 10 | Turkey | 200 tonnes of lentils. |